

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2016-072

**Discharge Issued**

**Character:** Honorable

**Narrative Reason:** Sufficient Service For Retirement

**SPD/RE Code:** RBD / RE2

**Authority of Discharge:** COMDTINST M1000.4

**Date of Separation:** 2014-06-30

**DRB Decision**

**Character:** No Change

**Narrative Reason:** Attain Maximum Service/Time in Grade

**SPD/RE Code:** RBC / No Change

**New Authority:** No Change

**Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:**

**DISCUSSION:**

The Applicant retired from the Coast Guard after serving over 30 years of service. The Applicant is requesting to change the Separation Code (SPD) and Narrative Reason for Separation (NR) blocks on his DD Form 214. His current SPD reads "RBD", which carries an explanation of voluntary retirement

The Board members discussed the promotion process for Coast Guard Officers. The applicant's Separation Authority shows they were retired under 10 U. S. Code 1293, which applies to permanent regular commissioned warrant officers with twenty or more years of active service who voluntarily retire.

The Board finds no issues with propriety in this case. However, they do have an issue with the equity standard of review. At the time of retirement, he was a temporary regular officer and held a permanent chief warrant officer status. He is petitioning the Board to correct his SPD to "SBC" and the NR to "Maximum Service or Time in Grade". This applies if this is a mandatory retirement required by law when member has attained time in service or time in grade. After reviewing the Applicant's service record in its entirety and not receiving any new evidence from the applicant suggesting that they did not elect to retire at their own request, the Board recommends changing the SPD to "RBC" with a Narrative Reason for Separation of "Maximum Service or Time in Service".

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board members thoroughly reviewed the applicant's record of service and all available documentation.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was not equitable.

Board Conclusion: The Board voted 5-0 to recommend the following relief:

In reviewing discharges, the Board presumes regularity in the conduct of governmental affairs unless there is substantial credible evidence (to include evidence submitted by the Applicant) to rebut the presumption.